

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method for color-revitalizing a color tone of hair, comprising:

applying a color-revitalizing composition to hair that has previously been dyed with an oxidative hair dye composition, said color-revitalizing composition

5 (a) having a color determined by a color of said oxidative hair dye composition and

(b) containing at least one direct dye; and

thereby revitalizing the color tone obtained by the hair after being dyed with said oxidative hair dye composition.

2. The method according to Claim 1, wherein said color-revitalizing

10 composition comprises:

(A) an acid direct dye, and

(B) an organic solvent,

wherein said color-revitalizing composition has a pH of 2 to 6, and wherein the acid direct dye penetrates into said hair, thereby coloring said hair.

15 3. The method according to Claim 1, wherein said color-revitalizing composition comprises:

(A) a basic direct dye, and

(B) an organic solvent,

wherein said color-revitalizing composition has a pH of 6 to 12, and wherein the basic direct dye penetrates into said hair, thereby coloring said hair.

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4. A method of selecting a color-revitalizing composition for color-revitalizing hair, comprising:

determining a color of an oxidative dye composition previously used to color said hair, and

selecting a direct dye composition that corresponds to said color of said oxidative dye composition.

5           5. The method according to Claim 1, wherein a color-revitalizing composition of a color tone belonging in a circular range with a radius  $r$  of 11 centering around a point of  $L^* = 51$ ,  $a^* = 8$  and  $b^* = 19$  in a color coordinate space ( $L^*a^*b^*$  color space) is used when the color of said oxidative hair dye composition falls within a range of  $L^*$  is 15 to 47,  $a^*$  is -2 to 8, and  $b^*$  is 9 to 30 in the color  
10 coordinate space, and wherein colors of the respective compositions are determined by colors obtained when white goat hair is dyed with such compositions.

          6. The method according to Claim 1, wherein a color-revitalizing composition of a color tone belonging in a circular range with a radius  $r$  of 6 centering around a point of  $L^* = 76$ ,  $a^* = 2$  and  $b^* = 21$  in a color coordinate space  
15 ( $L^*a^*b^*$  color space) is used when the color of said oxidative hair dye composition falls within a range that  $L^*$  is 47 to 90,  $a^*$  is -2 to 8, and  $b^*$  is 9 to 35 in the color coordinate space, and wherein colors of the respective compositions are determined by colors obtained when white goat hair is dyed with such compositions.

          7. The method according to Claim 1, wherein a color-revitalizing  
20 composition of a color tone belonging in a circular range with a radius  $r$  of 12 centering around a point of  $L^* = 53$ ,  $a^* = 4$  and  $b^* = 18$  in a color coordinate space ( $L^*a^*b^*$  color space) is used when the color of said oxidative hair dye composition falls within a range that  $L^*$  is 15 to 43,  $a^*$  is -2 to 8, and  $b^*$  is 0 to 9 in the color

coordinate space, and wherein colors of the respective compositions are determined by colors obtained when white goat hair is dyed with such compositions.

8. The method according to Claim 1, wherein a color-revitalizing composition of a color tone belonging in a circular range with a radius  $r$  of 9 centering around a point of  $L^* = 78$ ,  $a^* = 2$  and  $b^* = 0$  in a color coordinate space ( $L^*a^*b^*$  color space) is used when the color of said oxidative hair dye composition falls within a range that  $L^*$  is 43 to 52,  $a^*$  is -2 to 8, and  $b^*$  is 0 to 9 in the color coordinate space, and wherein colors of the respective compositions are determined by colors obtained when white goat hair is dyed with such compositions.

9. The method according to Claim 1, wherein a color-revitalizing composition of a color tone belonging in a circular range with a radius  $r$  of 5 centering around a point of  $L^* = 82$ ,  $a^* = 0$  and  $b^* = 5$  in a color coordinate space ( $L^*a^*b^*$  color space) is used when the color of said oxidative hair dye composition falls within a range that  $L^*$  is 52 to 90,  $a^*$  is -2 to 8, and  $b^*$  is 0 to 9 in the color coordinate space, and wherein colors of the respective compositions are determined by colors obtained when white goat hair is dyed with such compositions.

10. The method according to Claim 1, wherein a color-revitalizing composition of a color tone belonging in a circular range with a radius  $r$  of 4 centering around a point of  $L^* = 55$ ,  $a^* = 25$  and  $b^* = 16$  in a color coordinate space ( $L^*a^*b^*$  color space) is used when the color of said oxidative hair dye composition falls within a range that  $L^*$  is 15 to 50,  $a^*$  is 8 to 12, and  $b^*$  is 0 to 35 in the color coordinate space, and wherein colors of the respective compositions are determined by colors obtained when white goat hair is dyed with such compositions.

11. The method according to Claim 1, wherein a color-revitalizing composition of a color tone belonging in a circular range with a radius  $r$  of 8 centering around a point of  $L^* = 50$ ,  $a^* = 32$  and  $b^* = 10$  in a color coordinate space ( $L^*a^*b^*$  color space) is used when the color of said oxidative hair dye composition falls within a range that  $L^*$  is 15 to 46,  $a^*$  is 12 to 30, and  $b^*$  is 0 to 35 in the color coordinate space, and wherein colors of the respective compositions are determined by colors obtained when white goat hair is dyed with such compositions.

12. The method according to Claim 1, wherein a color-revitalizing composition of a color tone belonging in a circular range with a radius  $r$  of 8 centering around a point of  $L^* = 55$ ,  $a^* = 17$  and  $b^* = 23$  in a color coordinate space ( $L^*a^*b^*$  color space) is used when the color of said oxidative hair dye composition falls within a range that  $L^*$  is 46 to 90,  $a^*$  is 8 to 30, and  $b^*$  is 0 to 35 in the color coordinate space, and wherein colors of the respective compositions are determined by colors obtained when white goat hair is dyed with such compositions.